

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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EDWARD J. THOMPSON,

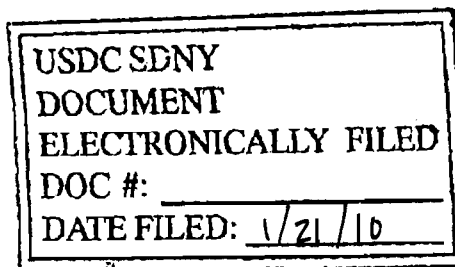
Plaintiff,

-against-

D.C. 9 & PRESTIGE DECORATING &
WALL, INC.,

Defendants.
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KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



REPORT & RECOMMENDATION
09 Civ. 6612 (BSJ)(KNF)

TO THE HONORABLE BARBARA S. JONES, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

On July 24, 2009, the plaintiff, Edward J. Thompson ("Thompson"), commenced this action pro se. Thompson failed to serve a copy of the summons and complaint upon either defendant within 120 days of that date. In an order, dated December 9, 2009, the Court directed Thompson to effect service of the summons and complaint upon the defendants, and file proof of that service, on or before January 11, 2010. The order advised Thompson that should he fail to effect service by that date or to show cause, in writing, why service had not been effected, a report and recommendation would be made to your Honor to dismiss the complaint for failure to prosecute, pursuant to Rules 4 and 41 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The docket sheet, maintained by the Clerk of Court for this action, does not indicate that Thompson has filed any proof of service. The plaintiff has not provided the Court with any writing explaining why he has not served the defendants timely.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) provides, in pertinent part, that "[i]f a defendant is not served within 120 days after the complaint is filed, the court – on motion or on its own after notice to the plaintiff – must dismiss the action without prejudice against that defendant or order that service be made within a specified time." Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b) authorizes the district court to dismiss an action for failure to prosecute or to comply with a court order. See LaSane v. Hall's Sec. Analyst, Inc., 239 F.3d 206, 209 (2d Cir. 2001); Lucas v. Miles, 84 F.3d 532, 534 -35 (2d Cir. 1996).

Since initiating the instant action, Thompson has not effected service within the original 120-

day period provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m), nor within the additional period provided by the Court's December 9 order. Moreover, after receiving notice that a continued failure to prosecute the action would result in a report and recommendation that his complaint be dismissed, he has not submitted any writing to the Court to show cause for failing to comply with the above-noted order.

RECOMMENDATION

For the reasons set forth above, I recommend that the instant action be dismissed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m) and 41(b).

FILING OF OBJECTIONS TO THIS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties shall have fourteen (14) days from service of this Report to file written objections. See also Fed. R. Civ. P. 6. Such objections, and any responses to objections, shall be filed with the Clerk of Court, with courtesy copies delivered to the chambers of the Honorable Barbara S. Jones, 500 Pearl Street, Room 1920, New York, New York 10007, and to the chambers of the undersigned, 40 Centre Street, Room 540, New York, New York 10007. Any requests for an extension of time for filing objections must be directed to Judge Jones. FAILURE TO FILE OBJECTIONS WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS WILL RESULT IN A WAIVER OF OBJECTIONS AND WILL PRECLUDE APPELLATE REVIEW. See Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 470 (1985); IUE AFL-CIO Pension Fund v. Herrmann, 9 F.3d 1049, 1054 (2d Cir. 1993); Frank v. Johnson, 968 F.2d 298, 300 (2d Cir. 1992); Wesolek v. Canadair Ltd., 838 F.2d 55, 58-59 (2d Cir. 1988); McCarthy v. Manson, 714 F.2d 234, 237-38 (2d Cir. 1983).

Dated: New York, New York
January 20, 2010

Respectfully submitted,



KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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